

BOROUGH OF OSSETT

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1973



## P R E F A C E

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:

I have the honour to present my report on the work of this department for 1973, which will be the final report before reorganisation of local government takes place on the 1st April, 1974.

Whilst it would be erroneous to attempt to convey the impression that Utopia has been attained it would be equally incorrect to belittle the achievements which have been made during the Borough's existence.

As far as this department is concerned, probably the most striking improvement over the last few years has been in the field of housing. This has been a continuing process and applications for improvement grants during the past year continued to be received at approximately the same rate as during the previous two years. Unfortunately the approval of a proposal to improve a house does not guarantee that the work will be completed and at the time of writing this report there are in the region of 200 houses where such approval has been given but the work has not yet been completed. With the demands upon the local building industry and the current difficulties in obtaining supplies it seems improbable that the whole of these 200 will be completed before the 22nd June 1974 deadline when the grant reduces to 50% for improvements completed subsequently.

It is a matter of some personal disappointment that all the houses within the Borough will not be provided with bathrooms before reorganisation takes place. Whilst the percentage of such houses for which no application for grant has been made is comparatively small and the reasons why certain owners and occupiers are reluctant to become involved in improvement works are understandable, the absence of such facilities as hot water and baths can only render life in these dwellings unnecessarily difficult.

During the year it has been found necessary to represent only two houses as being unfit; the situation has now been reached where with the availability of the improvement grant the borderline between houses which are capable of repair at reasonable expense and those which are uneconomical to treat in this manner is very fine indeed.

The refuse collection service has again been the subject of a certain amount of public criticism. This arose during the holiday period due in the main to staffing difficulties. The holiday period coincided with full employment in the district and obtaining temporary staff to assist on refuse collection proved extremely difficult. If a man is seeking temporary work and there are choices available then handling refuse in all weathers is likely to be the last on his list.

I would take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health and Sewage Committee for their help and understanding during the year, to the Medical Officer of Health and officials of the Council for their advice and assistance and finally to the staff of this department, without whose loyal assistance and tactful administration of their duties, it would have been impossible to carry out the work of the department during the past years.

H.W. MYCOCK

Chief Public Health Inspector



# H O U S I N G

## New Houses Completed

Private Construction	207
Council Construction	82

## Overcrowding

Despite improvement in the average size of and amenities within the Borough's housing stock over the past years there still remain a number of houses of the small cottage type with a low permitted number and it can be anticipated that these will occasionally become overcrowded.

The position at the end of the year was:-

Total known cases of overcrowding at 31st December 1973	4
Number of families involved	6
Number of persons involved	31
Cases discovered during the year	3
Cases abated during the year	4

## Slum Clearance

Details of action taken and the position at the end of the year are set out below:-

### a) Unfit Houses Represented

Old Studio House, Springstone Avenue  
61 Storrs Hill Road

### b) Clearance Areas not determined at the end of 1972

#### Wesley Street C.P.O. 1971

35 - 43 and 60 - 74 Wesley Street      Confirmed

#### Horbury Road C.P.Os. 1 and 2 1971

1,2,3 & 4 South Place. 27 - 37 Horbury Road      Confirmed

15 Horbury Road, 2, 4 & 6 Hawthorne Terrace      Judged as properly represented as unfit but rehabilitation scheme approved

#### Owl Lane C.F.O. 1972

78 - 86 Owl Lane      Judged as properly represented as unfit but owners allowed to present improvement scheme within 6 months

c) Houses demolished in 1973

106, 108 Manor Road, Montreel Cottage, 2,4,6 and 8 Manor Lane	C.P.O.	6 unfit 1 grey
1 Mitchell's Yard	C.O.	1
235 - 241 Station Road	Undertaking	4
7 - 17 Cardigan Lane	C.P.O.	5
23 - 29 Headlands Road	C.P.O.	4
56,58,60, 68 Junction Lane 78 Teall Street/64 Junction Lane	C.O.	5
123, 125 and 127 Teall Street	Undertaking	3
77 - 81 Church Street	C.O.	3
56 - 62 Teall Street	C.P.O.	4
55 - 63, 63A Wakefield Road 1 and 3 Riley's Yard	C.P.O.	8
7,9,11,13 Healey Road 1,2,3,4,5,6 & 7 Audsley's Yard	C.P.O.	11
3 - 31 Queen's Terrace	C.P.O.	15
1,2,3,4,5 & 6 West Wells Buildings	C.P.O.	6
6,8,10,16,18,20,22,24,26 & 30 Church Street	C.P.O.	10
52,54,56 Bank Street 6 & 7 Waverley Cottage	C.P.O.	5
12 and 14 Church Street	D.O.	2
		<u>93</u>

Housing Act 1969

Applications for Qualification Certificates

Received for	Number	Certificates issued	Q.C. issued after improvement works	Application withdrawn.
Provisional	20	25	19	-
Qualification	33	13	n/a	4

# Applications for Improvement/Standard Grants

	Number of applications received <u>1973</u>	Number of applications approved <u>1973</u>	Value of grants approved <u>1973</u>
Improvement Grants	131	134	£140,301
Standard Grants	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>£6,787</u>
Totals	156	160	<u>£147,088</u>



# M E A T   A N D   O T H E R   F O O D S

## Meat Inspection

Number of licensed slaughterhouses in the Borough:

3

The following table gives details of carcasses and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:

	Cattle exc. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Goats
Number killed	3105	372	18	15748	7747	3
Number inspected	3105	372	18	15748	7747	3
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci.</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	3	1	3	10	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	200	36	-	377	644	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticerci.	6.4	10.5	5.6	2.4	8.4	0.0
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	10	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.13	0.0
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

# Unsound Meat Surrendered

	<u>Tuberculosis</u>	<u>Other Causes</u>
<u>Carcases and all organs</u>		
Bovine	-	4
Sheep	-	3
Pigs	-	10
Calves	-	1
<u>Part Carcasses</u>		
Bovine	-	310 lbs
Sheep	-	18 lbs
Pigs	-	309 lbs
<u>Heads and Tongues</u>		
Bovine	-	8
Pigs	10	8
<u>Lungs</u>		
Bovine	-	9
Sheep	-	9
Pigs	-	418
<u>Livers</u>		
Bovine	-	191
Sheep	-	468
Pigs	-	183
<u>Plucks</u>		
Sheep	-	5
Pigs	-	60
<u>Mesentry</u>		
Bovine	-	2
<u>Hearts</u>		
Bovine	-	15
Sheep	-	6
Pigs	-	300



Kidneys

Bovine	-	2
Sheep	-	2
Pigs	-	6

Udders

Bovine	-	8
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C. Bovis: 2

Meat Inspection Regulations 1963 and 1971

Charges made under the Regulations were the permitted maximum i.e. cattle 18p; pigs 5p; sheep 4p per head. Income arising from these charges during the year was £1,634.08.

Other Foods Surrendered

	<u>Containers</u>	<u>Weight</u>	
		<u>lbs</u>	<u>ozs.</u>
Chicken	40	17	13
Dairy Products	274	97	0
Desserts	62	10	9
Fish	536	246	8
Frozen Foods	966	336	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
Fruit	25341	31523	14
Meat	1975	10836	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
Milk Pudding	96864	30270	0
Pastry & Pies	104	55	6
Tomatoes	924	720	10
Vegetables	33665	32170	13
	<u>160751</u>	<u>106285</u>	<u>8</u>

(47 tons 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25lb 8 oz.)

Milk Samples

During the year samples have been taken regularly from supplies of untreated milk intended for retail sale. Details of the results of the examinations made by the Public Health Laboratory are given overleaf:-

Source	Designation	Type of Examination	Negative or passed	Doubtful or no result	Positive or failed	Total
Bulk Retail	Untreated	Methylene Blue	27	2	2	31
		<u>Brucella</u>				
		Ring Test	28	-	5	33
		Cream Culture	4	-	1	5
	Pasteurised	Methylene Blue	1	-	-	1
		Pho	1	-	-	1
Individual Cows	Untreated	<u>Brucella</u>				
		Ring Test	64	1	8	73
		Cream Culture	7	2	-	9

#### Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations 1965

There are no egg pasteurisation plants within the Borough

#### Poultry

There are no poultry processing plants within the district.

#### Food Hygiene Regulations

Summary of the number of food premises in the area is set out below:-

Catering establishments	30
Bakehouses	9
Other Food Shops	69
Icecream Premises	23
Sausage, potted or preserved food manufacturers	4
No. of inspections made at food premises (excluding slaughterhouses)	<u>481</u>



## A T M O S P H E R I C   P O L L U T I O N

The instrument for determining the level of smoke and sulphur dioxide pollution is installed at the Public Health Inspectors' Office, Seemore Arcade, Towngate, Ossett. The results obtained during 1973 are as follows:-

Month	SMOKE Microgrammes per cubic metre			S.O. <sub>2</sub> Microgrammes per cubic metre		
	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest
January	106	353	19	213	582	98
February	52	160	6	170	497	73
March	63	164	18	192	443	59
April	24	52	10	72	179	22
May	23	53	9	90	250	42
June	55	178	6	94	163	35
July	24	56	13	71	161	32
August	23	78	8	78	200	25
September	38	125	15	94	203	40
October	65	205	17	152	288	51
November	71	239	8	188	526	33
December	50	127	17	115	275	33
Average 1973 49.5				127		
Average 1972 49				123		

### Smoke Control Areas

Total areas in operation covering the whole of the Borough:-

15 areas

\*5,294 premises

3,332 acres

\* This figure does not include properties which have been erected since the areas were submitted to the Minister for confirmation.

### Industrial Premises

The level of emissions from industrial chimneys has continued to be low and informal action has been sufficient to procure rectification of defects.



## W A T E R   S U P P L Y

Water is supplied by the Wakefield and District Water Board to all houses within the Borough. During the year 5 samples were taken and all were satisfactory.

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## I N F E S T A T I O N   C O N T R O L

### Rodent Control

#### Sewer Treatment

One sewer treatment was carried out during the year using sodium fluoracetate, this treatment being carried out by contractors.

#### Surface Control

As in previous years this work was contracted out to Rentokil Laboratories. Details of the actual treatments are set out below:-

	<u>First Visits</u>	<u>Repeats</u>
Rats	118	26
Mice	93	41

### Other Vermin

Other infestations treated during the year:

Bugs	16
Cockroaches	19
Fleas	16
Wasps and Bees	7
Other	27

# REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

## Staff

The staff employed on refuse collection and disposal was as follows:-

### Collection

Loaders	13
Drivers	5

### Disposal

Tractor driver	1
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## Sickness and Absenteeism

Hours lost through sickness during 1973	1818
Hours lost through absenteeism during 1973	291 $\frac{3}{4}$

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1109 $\frac{3}{4}$

## S T A T I S T I C S - H O U S I N G

Number of dwelling houses in the district	6572
Number of back-to-back included in the above	26
Number of single back included in the above	71
Number of houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action	101

### Section 16 - Housing Act 1957

No. of representations made in respect of unfit houses	2
No. of Demolition Orders made	2
Undertakings accepted	-
No. of houses demolished	-
No. of Closing Orders made	-
No. of persons displaced from closed houses	-
No. of houses closed	-
No. of houses subject to Closing and Demolition Orders demolished	2

### Part 3 of Housing Act 1957

No. of Clearance Areas represented during the year	-
No. of houses included in these areas	-
No. of persons to be displaced	-
No. of Compulsory Purchase Orders made	-
No. of houses in Clearance Areas demolished	90
No. of persons displaced from houses in Clearance Areas	50
No. of families involved	34

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## O T H E R S T A T I S T I C S

### Ashes Accommodation

No. of dustbins supplied	568
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### Classified Statement of Inspections

Accumulations	59
Applicants for Council Houses	1
Animals and Birds	5
Atmospheric Pollution Gauge	228
Bakehouses	32
Boilerhouses	22
Civic Amenities	59
Council Houses	54
Dairies & Milk Shops	4
Delivery Vehicles	25
Diseases of Animals	2
Drainage	417
Dustbins	85



Factories:	M.P.	53
	N.M.P.	14
Food Premises - General		115
Food Poisoning		4
Food Preparing Premises		112
Fried Fish Shops		22
Grants	Improvement	320
	Standard	40
Housing Act:Advances		27
	Slum Clearance	76
Imported Food		68
Interviews		452
Licensed Premises		26
Market Stalls		83
Meatshops		19
Miscellaneous		477
Noise Nuisances		28
Offensive Trade Premises		10
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises		148
Piggeries		1
Qualification Certificates		70
Refuse Collection		386
Rodent Control:	A.P.	5
	B.P.	13
	C.P.	56
	D.H.	43
	Sewers	13
Samples:	Milk	41
	Water	5
Schools		4
Slaughterhouses		1089
Smoke Control:	Domestic	17
	Industrial	70
Public Conveniences		20
Public Health Nuisances		427
Streams and Watercourses		51
Verminous Premises:	Bugs	16
	Cockroaches	19
	Fleas	16
	Wasps and Bees	7
	Other	27
Tips		174
Work in Progress		85
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## Sanitary and other improvements made and defects remedied

### a) Dwelling houses

Chimney stacks repaired	10
Doors repaired/renewed	17
Eaves gutters and rainwater pipes repaired or renewed	41
External walls repaired	12
Floors repaired	13
Handrails provided	34
Hot water systems repaired/renewed	1
Other repairs	17
Plaster repaired	13
Rendered free from dampness	14
Roofs repaired	6
Sinks renewed/repared	5
Waste pipes renewed/repared	7
Water supply improved	4
Windows repaired or renewed	51

### b) Water closets

Flushing cistern repaired/renewed	8
Provided with sufficient water supply	1
Water closets repaired	6

### c) Drains

Drainage improved	49
Drains cleansed	52
Inspection chambers repaired or renewed	2
Gullies repaired or renewed	7

### d) Other Nuisances Abated

Accumulations removed	39
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### e) Food Premises

Artificial lighting improved	2
Walls repaired	2
Floors repaired	4
Gutters and fallpipes repaired	1
Plaster repaired	4
Sinks provided	1
Wash hand basins provided	1
Water closets cleansed/repared	4
Windows/doors repaired	2

f) Offices, Shops and Railway Premises

Thermometer provided	1
Floors repaired	1
Staircases repaired	1
Wash hand basin provided	1
First Aid Equipment provided	1
Abstract provided	1

Informal Notices

	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Complied with</u>
Food Hygiene (General) Regulations	5	14
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises	2	2
Factories Act	1	1
Public Health Acts	21	18

Statutory Notices

Public Health Acts	37	36
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# OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES

## Registration and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during the year	Total no. of premises registered at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	-	25	18
Retail shops	4	61	33
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	17	13
Catering establishments open to the public	-	12	9
Fuel storage depots	-	2	-

Number of visits of all kinds made by inspectors to registered premises - 148

## Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace

Class of Workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	299
Retail shops	204
Wholesale departments, warehouses	178
Catering Establishments open to the public	75
Canteens	2
Fuel storage depots	9
	Total 767
	Males 374
	Females 393

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OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT  
OF THE YEAR 1973 FOR THE BOROUGH OF OSSETT

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1961

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by local authority	115	53	1	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is to be enforced by local authority	12	14	-	-
iii) Other premises in which section 7 is to be enforced by local authority (excluding outworkers premises)	7	9	-	-

Cases in which DEFECTS were found

	Number of cases in which defects found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Sanitary Conveniences</u>					
a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage floors	-	-	-	-	-
Drainage cleansed	-	-	-	-	-
Ventilation improved	-	-	-	-	-
Redecoration	-	-	-	-	-
Accumulation removed	-	-	-	-	-
Other defects	1	1	-	-	-



PART VIII OF THE ACT  
Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of outworkers in August lists required by Section 110 (1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure-to supply lists -	No. of instances of work in un-whole-some pre-mises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing } Making apparel } etc. Cleaning & Washing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household Linen	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lace, lace curtains and nets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Curtains & furniture hangings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and upholstery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electro-plate	-	-	-	-	-	-
File making	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brass and brass articles	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fur Pulling	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron and steel cables & chains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron and steel anchors & grapnels	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cart gear	-	-	-	-	-	-
Locks, latches and keys	-	-	-	-	-	-
Umbrellas etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-



	No. of outworkers in August lists required by section 11- (1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un- whole- some pre- mises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
Artificial flowers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nets, other than wire nets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tents	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sacks	-	-	-	-	-	-
Racquet and tennis balls	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paper bags	-	-	-	-	-	-
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partly of paper	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brush making	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pea Picking	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feather Sorting	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carding etc. of buttons etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stuffed Toys	-	-	-	-	-	-
Basket Making	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chocolates and Sweetmeats	-	-	-	-	-	-
Casaques, Christ- mas stockings etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lampshades	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	-	-	-	-	-







